

A1 4. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the fluid an etching fluid.

A2 10. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the fluid etches at least a portion of the second surface of the object.

A3 12. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the fluid meniscus is used to perform etching.

20. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 1, wherein the object is subjected to an electromagnetic energy source.

A4 21. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 20, wherein the energy source is secured to the holding fixture.

22. (Amended) The fluid meniscus process of claim 20, wherein the energy source is secured to the holding tank.

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-30 are currently pending.

Claims 1-30 are subject to a restriction/election of species requirement.

Claims 2-4, 10, 12, and 20-22 are hereby amended without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-27, as amended, are provisionally elected.

The restriction requirement of claims 1-30 is hereby traversed.

REMARKS

The Examiner has characterized the above-referenced application as including claims